

THE SOCIAL SEASON

A Georgetown Delegation Favors Mr. Geo. W. Boteler.

Visit to the White House, But Only Private Secretary Thurber Is Secured—A Disappointing Interview.

Georgetown is first in the field with a candidate for District Commissioner Ross' place. A strong delegation appeared at the White House bright and early this morning in the interest of Mr. George W. Boteler. The delegation was composed of representative business men of the city, Messrs. E. P. Berry, William D. Bruce, John Marbury, A. B. Jackson, George W. Offutt, John Dugan and Max George Hill.

Introduced to Mr. Thurber.

They were accompanied by Representative McKelka of Maryland, who introduced them individually to Private Secretary Thurber. On learning their mission Mr. Thurber was regretted that the President was so busy with other matters that he could not then give them an audience. Their business, he suggested, could be transacted just as well after the President would see that it was properly presented to the President with the least possible delay.

The delegation met Mr. Thurber at a petition signed by several thousand citizens urging the appointment of Mr. Boteler to succeed Mr. Ross. Mr. Thurber, of Commissioner Ross' term of office. Mr. Berry whispered a few words of explanation to the delegation, which included Maj. Hill and Mr. Thurber, and then conversation, the former dwelling upon Mr. Boteler's fitness for the place.

Mr. Thurber said they would receive the President's attention, and the interview was over. The members of the delegation returned to the hotel disappointed, but it was evident they were disappointed at their failure to see the President.

Owing to the great pressure of more important matters the President has not, as yet, given serious attention to the matter of District appointments, but he will do so as soon as his duties permit. He has no special occasion for haste in the case of Mr. Ross, as he can continue to serve until his successor shall have been appointed.

The delegation is confident of his reappointment, basing their belief on the President's well known satisfaction with Mr. Ross and his popularity and fitness for the place.

W. C. T. U. WORK.

Annual Meeting of Chapin Auxiliary—Interesting Reports Made.

At the headquarters of the organization, 1312 H street northwest, a large and enthusiastic gathering attended the annual meeting of the auxiliary of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union yesterday afternoon. Mrs. M. E. Cohen presided and prayer was offered by Mrs. S. H. Martin. Mrs. Mary E. Griffith following with a Bible reading, her text being "The Nation's Danger and the Remedy."

The national report was made by Miss Gusie Nichols, the corresponding secretary, stating that the membership of the auxiliary exceeded all previous years, and was a most flourishing condition. Miss Lizzie Kessler, the treasurer of the auxiliary, reported that the receipts were larger than last year and that there was balance in the treasury of \$46. The law against the display of objectionable placards was discussed by Superintendent of the department of purity in literature and art to be well enforced. It was reported that the department had distributed many thousands of copies of healthy and instructive literature, and that the work of the department had been perfected. The work in Willow Tree alley was reported by Mrs. S. H. Martin as being particularly gratifying. A very gratifying report was also received from the children's department, which was held in a very deep interest being expressed in the mothers' meetings.

The reports of the work was the annual election of officers. Mrs. M. E. Cohen was unanimously re-elected president. Mrs. S. H. Martin was elected vice-president. Miss Gusie Nichols corresponding secretary and Miss Lizzie Kessler treasurer. The auxiliary elected for the annual meeting, which was held at the First Congregational Church September 28 and 29, all day sessions.

THE CRUISER OLYMPIA.

She Will Have Her Official Trial Trip In A Short Time.

The cruiser Olympia, the fourth naval ship built on the stocks here, will have her official trip in a short time. She is said to be one of the finest cruisers of her type afloat. It is confidently asserted that she will fully come up to her contract requirements, and will be able to make the called-for speed of twenty knots an hour, or the equivalent of four hours, by one knot and perhaps a little better.

Very little is heard of this ship, but by officers she is considered the finest type of cruiser ever constructed for the navy. She has no protection, and in general character is more like the Baltimore than any other vessel of the navy, only she is 1,000 tons heavier and is expected to make greater speed.

She is by far the largest unarmored cruiser ever constructed for the navy, and will have a steaming range of 7,000 miles with any other cruiser of her type. With a complement of 130 tons, she is expected to keep at sea for 10,000 miles without refueling. She must have a sustained sea speed of 20 knots, which is far ahead of what is generally expected of a cruiser of her class. She has a powerful battery for defense and will be one of the most efficient command ships of the fleet.

The Olympia was authorized under Secretary Whitney's administration, but there was some question as to whether the contract for her construction was not awarded until April, 1901. The only bidder for the ship was the Bethlehem Steel Company. The firm was awarded the contract at its proposal of \$1,750,000, or only a few thousand dollars less than the highest bid. The contract for the construction of the ship. The vessel was to have been completed last April, but it is now nearly ready for service. Consideration, and it is expected that the work will be ordered to superintend it in the next few days. This board will be selected from officers serving on the Pacific coast. The course over which she will run will be from San Francisco to the Charleston and the San Francisco, and it is expected that she will be able to make the round trip in ten days. There are no obstacles in the way for the work. She gets under steam. The Olympia will be the fifth vessel which will have her official trial during the month of October, the others being the Castine, Montgomery, Marblehead and Columbia.

"As You Like It."

Messrs. Charles B. Hanford and N. DuShane Cloward have had a consultation with the Board of Health regarding the performance, and that gentlemen says that the storm has broken, and that Friday will be a beautiful day. The weather will be perfect, and as a perfect day is required for an open air performance of "As You Like It," it is most desirable that older nations may take an example from this work, and imitate the thoroughly practical and at the same time thoroughly scientific methods employed.

The performance will be given both afternoon and night.

World's Fair Commendation of Secretary Morton.

Secretary Morton of the Agricultural Department has been proclaimed the champion of the jury of awards on the forestry exhibit of the Department of Agriculture, world's fair commending that exhibit. The report says:

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